

**In the Specification:**

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– This application is the U.S. national stage entry of International Application No. PCT/EP00/07196, filed July 26, 2000, which claims priority to British Application No. 9917729.7, filed July 28, 1999, and incorporates these applications by reference in their entirety.--

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-7: Cancelled.

8. (Currently amended) Hair care ~~compositions containing~~ composition comprising a synergistic mixture of three anti-free-radical agents selected from the group consisting of

- (a) ascorbic acid, its salts and esters;
- (b) morus alba;
- (c) origanum vulgare;
- (d) panax ginseng;
- (e) rosmarinus officinalis;
- (f) camellia sinensis; and
- (g) grape seed extract;

in a suitable diluent or carrier.

9. (Currently amended) Hair ~~The hair care compositions as claimed in~~ composition of claim 7 ~~8 which comprise~~ comprising sodium ascorbyl phosphate, magnesium ascorbyl phosphate or ascorbyl palmitate.

10. (Currently amended) Hair ~~The hair care compositions as claimed in~~ composition of claim 7 8, wherein the total amount of ~~ant~~ anti-free radical agents present ~~lies in~~ range ranges from about 0.003 to about 10% by weight.

11. (Currently amended) Hair ~~The hair care compositions as claimed in~~ composition of claim 7 8, wherein the total amount of anti-free-radical agents present ~~lies in the~~ range ranges from about 0.005 to about 1% by weight.

12. (Currently amended) Hair ~~The hair care compositions as claimed in~~ composition of claim 7 8, wherein the total amount of anti-free-radical agents present ~~lies in the~~ range ranges from about 0.01 to about 0.6% by weight.

13. (Currently amended) Hair ~~The hair care compositions as claimed in~~ composition of claim 7 8 where the synergistic combination of anti-free-radicals radical agents is one combination selected from the group consisting of:

Origanum vulgare, sodium ascorbyl phosphate and morus alba;

Origanum vulgare, sodium ascorbyl phosphate and panax ginseng;

Panax ginseng, morus alba and origanum vulgare;

Sodium ~~ascirbyl~~ ascorbyl phosphate, morus alba and grape seed; and

Origanum vulgare, panax ginseng and rosmarinus officinalis.

14. (Currently amended) A method of treating hair ~~which comprises the application to comprising applying to said hair the hair care compositions as claimed in composition of claim 7 8.~~

15. (New) The composition of claim 8, wherein the total amount of anti-free-radical agents present in said composition is below the level that causes staining of skin or clothes or dyeing of hair.

16. (New) The composition of claim 8, wherein said composition further comprises at least one sunscreen agent.

17. (New) The composition of claim 8, wherein said composition further comprises at least one pH adjusting agent.

18. (New) The composition of claim 8, wherein said composition further comprises at least one buffer system.

19. (New) The composition of claim 8, wherein said composition further comprises at least one antidandruff agent.

20. (New) The composition of claim 8, wherein said composition comprises

origanum vulgare, sodium ascorbyl phosphate and morus alba.

21. (New) The composition of claim 8, wherein said composition comprises  
origanum vulgare, sodium ascorbyl phosphate and panax ginseng.

22. (New) The composition of claim 8, wherein said composition comprises panax  
ginseng, morus alba and origanum vulgare.

23. (New) The composition of claim 8, wherein said composition comprises sodium  
ascorbyl phosphate, morus alba and grape seed.

24. (New) The composition of claim 8, wherein said composition comprises  
origanum vulgare, panax ginseng and rosmarinus officinalis.